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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 14, 25 – 34 and 44 – 47 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claim 1, 25, and 44 – 47 are amended, and claims 12 and 27 are cancelled. Applicant respectfully responds to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

1. Claims 1-3, 9, and 11-12, 44 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Epstein et al. (6,529,600 B1) in view of Pejhan et al. (6,850,564 B1). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references discloses the claimed limitation of “wherein the frame rate is a rate of processing and/or compressing only a portion of a video frame,” as now claimed in all independent claims, but was previously claimed in dependent claim 12. The support for this limitation is in paragraph [0009] of the instant application, i.e., “one region may be compressed at a first rate and a second region might be compressed at a second rate different from the first rate, or not at all compressed.”

Therefore, since none of the references, singly or combined, discloses at least the above limitation, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

2. Claims 4-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Epstein et al., Pejhan et al., and Dozer et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Monroe (6,518,881 B2).

For the same reasons discussed above in connection with claim 1, since none of the references, singly or combined, discloses at least the above limitation, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

3. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Epstein et al., Pejhan et al., and Dozier et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Acosta et al. (6,166,729).

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For the same reasons discussed above in connection with claim 1, since none of the references, singly or combined, discloses at least the above limitation, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

4. Claims 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Epstein et al., Pejhan et al., Dozier et al. and Monroe. and Monroe as applied to claim 4 above, and further in view of Acosta et al. (6,166,729).

For the same reasons discussed above in connection with claim 1, since none of the references, singly or combined, discloses at least the above limitation, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

5. Claims 25-29 and 32-34, 45, and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Naidoo et al. (6,690,411 B2) in view of Epstein et al. (6,529,600 B1) and Dozier et al. (5,751,346).

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the references discloses the claimed limitation of "wherein the frame rate is a rate of processing and/or compressing only a portion of a video frame," as now claimed in all independent claims, but was previously claimed in dependent claim 27. The support for this limitation is in paragraph [0009] of the instant application, i.e., "one region may be compressed at a first rate and a second region might be compressed at a second rate different from the first rate, or not at all compressed."

6. Claims 30-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Naidoo et al. and Epstein et al., and Dozier et al. as applied to claim 25 above, and further in view of Monroe (6,518,881 B2).

For the same reasons discussed above in connection with claim 25, since none of the references, singly or combined, discloses at least the above limitation, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

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REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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